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SUBJECT: NEW GDR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR EAST BERLIN

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1. INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED GIVES A POTENTIALLY MORE
SERIOUS MEANING TO THE NEWLY-IMPOSED GDR VISA
REQUIREMENT FOR VISITS TO EAST BERLIN. FRG BONN GROUP
REP (VON ARNIM) HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE GDR HAS
APPARENTLY REMOVED THE BORDER CONTROL POSTS BETWEEN EAST
BERLIN AND THE GDR.

VON ARNIM SAID THAT HIS INFORMATION WAS BASED UPON A
TELEPHONE REPORT FROM THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION
IN EAST BERLIN. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS AWAITING A MORE
DETAILED REPORT BY CABLE. HOWEVER, THE INITIAL REPORT
INDICATED THAT AS OF THIS MORNING, THE REMAINING GDR
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BORDER CONTROL POSTS BETWEEN EAST BERLIN AND THE
GDR HAVE SIMPLY DISAPPEARED.

2. VON ARNIM ADDED THAT UP TO NOW THE FOREIGN OFFICE
HAD BEEN DIVIDED AS TO HOW SERIOUSLY THE RECENT GDR
VISA MODICATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. ONE VIEW HAD
BEEN THAT THE NEW VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD COUNTRY

NATIONALS RESIDENT IN WEST BERLIN WERE MERELY DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE CONCRETE PROBLEM OF FOREIGN WORKERS SPENDING THEIR FREE TIME IN EAST BERLIN, AND THAT THE WESTERN REACTION SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE LOW KEY. THE CONTRASTING VIEW WAS THAT THE GDR ACTION WAS ANOTHER SMALL STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF "INCORPORATING" EAST BERLIN INTO THE GDR AND SHOULD BE TREATED QUITE SERIOUSLY.

3. VON ARNIM CONCLUDED THAT THE GDR ACTION REMOVING THE BORDER CONTROL POSTS HAS HAD THE EFFECT OF SOLIDIFYING OPINION IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE AROUND THE SECOND INTERPRETATION.

4. THE BONN GROUP WILL CONSIDER POSSIBLE ALLIED REACTION ON JANUARY 4, BY WHICH TIME FULLER INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE.
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